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SUBJ: NETHERLANDS AND US REDEFINITION PROPOSALS ON
RECORDERS - IL 1572

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1. DEL SHOULD NOTE ON THE RECORD THAT UK DEL'S INTERPRETATION STATED PARA 2 REFTEL IS INCORRECT BY VIRTUE OF GENERAL NOTE 1 TO THE 1500 SERIES. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION WHEN THE RECORDS OF DISCUSSION ARE EXAMINED THAT UNDER THE NOTE, WHICH WAS ADOPTED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE NOTATION "N.E.C." WHICH APPEARED IN MOST ITEMS, THE WORDS "EQUIPMENT CONTAINING SUCH LASERS" IN IL 1522 PERTAIN ONLY TO EQUIPMENT NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE IN THE 1500 SERIES. THEREFORE, IF THERE ARE ANY RECORDERS, CAMERAS, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR ANY OTHER CATEGORY OF PRESENTLY EMBARGOED EQUIPMENT IN THE 1500 SERIES WHICH MIGHT INCORPORATE UNEMBARGOED HELIUM-NEON LASERS, THAT EQUIPMENT WOULD REMAIN EMBARGOED UNTIL SPECIFICALLY DELETED OR FREED BY VIRTUE OF OTHER PARAMETRIC CHANGES.

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2. IN THE FOREGOING SENSE, US OFFICIALS HAVE BELIEVED THAT THE INTENTION OF THE NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL WAS LIMITED TO A SPECIFIC KIND OF RECORDING SYSTEM. NEVERTHELESS, THE BRITISH DELEGATE'S REMARK IS INTERESTING IN THAT IT POINTS TO THE OBVIOUS VALUE OF INSERTING AN APPROPRIATE CROSS REFERENCE OR A NOTE TO IL 1522. IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE THE KRYPTON LASERS ON WHICH THE PHILLIPS RECORDING SYSTEM IS BASED THEMSELVES WOULD REMAIN UNDER 1522 EMBARGO. THE HELIUM-NEON REPRODUCING (PLAYBACK) EQUIPMENT WOULD AUTOMATICALLY BENEFIT FROM THE TREATMENT OF THE RECORDING EQUIPMENT BY VIRTUE OF THE WORDING OF THE HEAD-ING OF 1572. HOWEVER, THE GENERAL NOTE TO THE 1500 SERIES PRECLUDES ITS BEING AFFECTED BY THE CHANGES IN 1522. RUSH

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